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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH DAOUD

REF: KABUL 7200 (NOTAL)

1. WE BELIEVE BASIC USG POSTURE OF KEEPING RELATIVELY LOW
PROFILE WITH GOA DURING REGIME'S INTENSIVE PREOCCUPATION
WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS HAS BEEN CORRECT. SINCE
THIS SORTING OUT PROCESS DOES NOT YET APPEAR TO BE COMPLETED,
DEPARTMENT IS DISINCLINED TO RECOMMEND ANY SPECIAL USG
INITIATIVES WITH GOA AT THIS TIME. AT SAME TIME WE SHOULD
NOT BE REMISS, IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES, TO EMPHASIZE TO
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AFGHANS OUR CONCERN FOR THE STABILITY OF THE REGION AND

OUR GENERAL DESIRE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS OF DAOUD REGIME WITH NEIGHBORING PAKISTAN AND IRAN.

2. ON PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE, WE HAVE ALREADY MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR WITH DAOUD THAT WE HOPE MODERATION WILL PREVAIL ON BOTH SIDES AND THAT WE BELIEVE MUCH CAN BE GAINED THROUGH BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF DIFFERENCES. SINCE AFGHANISTAN HAS NOW ACCUSED PAKISTAN OF INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT COUNTER-COUP PLOT, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY REPEATED REMONSTRATIONS WITH AFGHANS WOULD BE READ BY GOA AS SIDING WITH PAKS, A SITUATION WE HAVE SO FAR MANAGED TO AVOID. ASSUMING THAT IN TOUR D'HORIZON SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED, WE SUGGEST YOU EXPRESS OUR POSITION IN VERY GENERAL TERMS. YOU MIGHT ALSO

COMMEND OFT-STATED AFGHAN DESIRE TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

3. CONCERNING AFGHAN RELATIONS WITH IRAN, WE AGAIN ARE DISINCLINED TO BECOME CHANNEL FOR AFGHAN CONCERNS OVER SHAH'S POLICY IN BALUCHISTAN (KABUL 7242). WE BELIEVE WAHID ABDULLAH'S INFORMATION ON EXTENT OF IRANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN PAKISTANI BALUCHISTAN IS EXAGGERATED. IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES, YOU MAY WISH CONVEY TO PRESIDENT OUR IMPRESSION TO THAT EFFECT. FYI: WE ARE CONSIDERING INFORMING GOI OF AFGHAN CONCERNS, BUT IN WAY THAT WILL LEAVE IT UP TO IRANIANS TO CORRECT AFGHAN MISPERCEPTIONS. AS IN CASE OF PAKISTAN, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD GENERALLY CONFINE OURSELVES TO EXPRESSION OUR BELIEF THAT AFGHANISTAN HAS MUCH MORE TO GAIN BY POLICY OF FREQUENT COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION, RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION, WITH BOTH NEIGHBORS. END FYI.

4. IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION AFGHAN RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS, BELIEVE YOU MIGHT ALSO USEFULLY INQUIRE INTO PRESIDENT'S ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS RECENT NAIM VISITS TO USSR AND INDIA.

5. ON MATTERS OF BILATERAL USG-AFGHAN IMPORT, WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGEMENT WHICH SUBJECTS MOST USEFULLY SHOULD BE RAISED. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WE MIGHT REVIEW WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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DAOUD OUR CONTINUING DESIRE TO WORK WITH UN AND OTHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DONORS TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, AND THAT WE COMMEND HIS INTENTION TO STRENGTHEN AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY.

6. IF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT RAISED, YOU MAY RELY ON BACKGROUND MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED, INCLUDING STATE 200531, BEING REPEATED TO KABUL. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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